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to find just the passage and the comment one desires. A comparison made with the volume on John in the "Cambridge Bible for Schools" would bring out the fact that for the purposes for which both volumes are designed, the latter commentary is much more suitable. The "Bible-class" that could gain much help from Mr. Reith's extended and thoughtful comments would have to be far advanced in study. The simpler notes of the Cambridge Bible John would be found much nearer their comprehension. By this fact the intrinsic excellence of Mr. Reith's book is not denied. It is a scholarly and helpful aid to the advanced student of this Gospel. An elaborate Introduction of sixty-one pages is furnished. The absence of an index is to be lamented. Ministers will find the homiletic element in this commentary exceedingly useful while the devout and spiritual tone of the work will commend it to all.

#### Difficult Passages in the New Testament.

*Notes on Difficult Passages of the New Testament.* By Elias Riggs, D.D., LL.D.,  
Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday  
School and Publishing Society. Pp. 259. \$1.00.

The opinions of a devout and thoughtful man upon difficult passages in the Scriptures are always of interest. Dr. Riggs is all this and more. He passes in review in their order the chief of such passages where the ordinary reader would find difficulty, and seeks to bring to bear upon their solution the best knowledge that he can offer. He is eminently candid and judicious in his comments—fairly stating the various opinions and briefly considering them while presenting his own view. Where a definite decision cannot be arrived at, he states fully the elements both of certainty and of doubt. Where no satisfactory view appears he frankly states the fact. Of course one cannot agree with him in all his conclusions, but his remarks in every case are worthy of consideration. It may be worth while to state some of his views. On "the Spirits in Prison" he finds no view which meets the facts in the case. The "Speaking with Tongues" both in Acts 2:4 and in the Epistle to the Corinthians he regards as speaking in a foreign language, in both cases a temporary endowment. The "Immanuel Prophecy" of Isaiah is considered as having its direct fulfillment in Jesus Christ. He prefers the old translation in Acts 26:28 "Almost thou persuadest," etc., and makes an excellent suggestion that the "almost" is a translation of the Hebrew particle having that meaning. This beautifully printed little volume ought to be widely known, since it would be of great service to thoughtful readers of the Bible in every line of life, while not without interest to the scholar.

#### The Hittites.

*Old Heroes: the Hittites of the Bible.* By Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, Ph.D., D.D.  
New York: Hunt and Eaton. Price \$0.75.

This little volume is an attempt to popularize the investigations of specialists into this somewhat recondite and unsatisfactory question of the Hittite people and civilization. It is a praiseworthy endeavor. The larger part of the book is really taken up with descriptions of the peoples with whom the Hittites came into contact. This fact shows how meagre are the materials for gaining satisfactory information. The author quotes freely from the leading authorities on the subject and endeavors to make his presentation as vivid as possible. One may question whether the book will be sufficiently attractive to interest young people and others ignorant of the subject, or full and scholarly enough to claim the attention of those who are already somewhat acquainted with the field which is so hastily traversed.